

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA SPECIFIC LANGUAGE**

The Physical Therapy Board of California hereby adds to its regulations in Division 13.2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

### **1398.12      Use of Prefix, Affix & Suffix by Physical Therapists to Indicate Academic Degree**

(a) A licensed physical therapist who has received the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), or Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), or other equivalent degree from a duly accredited institution, as specified in Section 2633 of the Code, may:

(1) in any written communication, use the initials DPT, Ph.D., or Ed.D., as applicable, following the licensee's name;

(2) in any written communication, use the title "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." preceding the licensee's name, if the licensee's name is immediately followed by an unabbreviated specification of the applicable doctorate degree held by the licensee; and

(3) in any spoken communication while engaged in the practice of physical therapy, use the title doctor preceding the person's name, if the speaker specifies that he or she is a physical therapist.

(b) For purposes of this section, "written communication" includes a badge bearing the licensee's name.

Note: Authority Cited: 2615 Business and Professions Code. Reference: 2633 and 2655 of the Business and Professions Code.